

Rethink, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
December 2, 2009 4:15 PM

Members Present: Marian Flaherty, John Giroux, Ross Nason, Bob Gilchrist, Linda Woods

1. Float Follow-up
 - Good community engagement
2. Movies
 - Railroad Square wants to know if this team wants to continue educational movies.
 - *Story of Stuff* was successful. Maybe this should continue.
 - Linda's friend has *The True Cost of Food* if the group is interested.
 - Linda wonders how to use *Marina of the Zabbaleen*. After some discussion, this idea was rejected.
3. Concern for lack of attendance/membership.
4. Composting discussion
 - DEP regulations prohibit public composting.
 - Winslow composts lawn & leaf waste behind the garage.
 - Waterville takes stuff to Herbcomp.
 - It is easy to compost leaves and grass. It can be used for roadside mulch.
 - A discussion followed about the pros and cons of suggesting Waterville compost the leaves & grass at the Community Garden(s). Bob is concerned about dumping on the soccer fields. John said this could create problems in an ungated area. (Winslow has certain hours of accessibility.)
5. Discussion of reduction of plastic bag use
 - Linda wondered about trying to get local businesses to eliminate plastic bags.
 - Marian told of Uncle Dean's incentive program for people who bring their own bags.
6. Evaluate and Future Planning
 - Ross wants a copy of RX4's objectives (as listed on p. 12). Linda will find this electronic version and include it with the minutes.

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, December 30 at 4:30** in the mayor's conference room.

Appendix #1: One of the questions you asked was whether the Catalyst Final Report appeared on the city's web site. I discovered that people can access this report either by typing Sustain Mid-Maine into the Search box at the top or by clicking "What's New." Both of these lead to Sustain Mid-Maine's web site which has the final report.

Appendix #2: I was unable to copy and paste the page you requested (probably the result of weak computer skills); however, I had Amanda scan the page. It appears as an attachment along with these minutes. 😊